

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Rock Hill Cotton Factory (Boundary Increase)
other names/site number Fewell Cotton Warehouse

2. Location

street & number 130 West White Street not for publication
city or town Rock Hill vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county York code 091 zip code 29730

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official Date

Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

- entered in the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
- See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain):

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Rock Hill, S.C.

Number of contributing resources previously listed

in the National Register 1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Industry

Subcategory: Warehouse**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Commerce/Trade

Subcategory: Retail

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>Brick</u>
walls	<u>Brick</u>
roof	<u>Asphalt</u>
other	_____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ b removed from its original location.
- ☐ c a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ d a cemetery.
- ☐ e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ f a commemorative property.
- ☐ g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Industry

Period of Significance

ca. 1894 - ca. 1940

Significant Dates

ca. 1909

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other
- Name of repository:
York County Public Library,
Rock Hill, S.C.

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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

Zone Easting Northing		Zone Easting Northing	
1	17 497437 3864969	3	17 497428 3864904
2	17 497466 3864930	4	17 497397 3864944

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

name/title Paul Gettys
organization _____ date 18 January 2008
street & number 4180 Cureton Ferry Road telephone (803) 329-3567
city or town Catawba state SC zip code 29704

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

name Alexander F. Fewell and Benjamin M. Fewell
street & number 852 Milton Avenue telephone (803) 327-3684
city or town Rock Hill state S.C. zip code 29730

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The Rock Hill Cotton Factory [Boundary Increase] consists of a typical one-story, linear brick and wood-frame cotton warehouse building in the city of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Located immediately northwest of the Rock Hill Cotton Factory [listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 21 April 1992, as part of the Historic Resources of Rock Hill, South Carolina, multiple property submission], the building, known as the Fewell Cotton Warehouse, is divided into three parts with substantial brick walls with stepped parapets on either end and two corresponding interior brick firewalls. Within each section along the White Street range the walls are wood-clad but have been altered to varying degrees. Along the interior or opposite elevation are relatively intact weatherboard-clad walls with sliding plank warehouse cargo doors. The low-pitched roofs are asphalt/composition with exposed rafter tails.

Running approximately half the length of the south end of the warehouse building and adjacent to the mill building is a small, one-part commercial block that faces White Street and consists of a central, single-leaf entrance with flanking double-hung, one-over-one sash windows. A simple corbel is the only adornment to the facade's parapet. Along the side [south] elevation are single, double and triple windows with sash of a similar character as those on the White Street elevation [facade]. A stepped parapet on the south or side elevation indicates the gentle, sloping character of the commercial-type built-up roof that shelters the building. A single central entrance is the rear elevation's only fenestration.

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The Fewell Cotton Warehouse is significant as an important remnant of the early textile history of Rock Hill. It is located adjacent to the Rock Hill Cotton Factory (1881), the city's first textile mill. The warehouse was built before 1894 as part of the Cotton Factory complex. In 1903, the warehouse was purchased at auction by Edward Fewell from the Crescent Cotton Mill for \$3,000. Fewell, a native of the Ebenezer community near Rock Hill, had a strong background in the cotton business. From 1882 to 1885, he was employed by J. M. Ivy & Co., one of the leading cotton merchants in the upstate. He served as local representative for William Black & Co. of the New York Cotton Exchange from 1885-1887. In 1887 he and his brother R. T. Fewell began a large cotton brokerage business with offices across the upstate and in Charleston, where they exported about 25,000 bales of cotton each year to Europe. In 1893, R. T. Fewell withdrew to organize and build the Arcade Cotton Mill in Rock Hill, of which Edward was an investor and director. Edward continued the cotton business and in 1903 purchased the warehouse from the Crescent Cotton Mill, continuing operations there until the 1940s. In recent years, the building has been rented to a variety of service and retail businesses.

The property is significant for its association with the development of the textile industry in Rock Hill. Although its date of construction is unknown, it is shown on the 1894 Sanborn Insurance Map, indicating that it was built in the early years of the operation of the Rock Hill Cotton Factory. It is located directly to the rear of the Rock Hill Cotton Factory building and was oriented to take advantage of a rail spur serving the mill.

The Rock Hill Cotton Factory was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on 21 April 1992, as part of the multiple property submission "Historic Resources of Rock Hill, S.C." The Fewell Cotton Warehouse was not included in the boundary for the Rock Hill Cotton Factory at the time.

The proximity of the Fewell Cotton Warehouse to the Rock Hill Cotton Factory—it was historically separated from the factory by nothing more than a rail spur, which served both the mill and the warehouse—and its close association with the early history of the factory justifies the expansion of the boundary for the Rock Hill Cotton Factory to include the Fewell Cotton Warehouse.

The Fewell Cotton Warehouse meets the registration requirements of the property type "Textile Mill Buildings and Related Buildings" of the multiple property submission "Historic Resources of Rock Hill, S.C."

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property adds the portion of York County Tax Parcel # 6272001004 (as shown on the accompanying York County GIS Map) to the adjacent existing National Register property listed in 1992 as the Rock Hill Cotton Factory (also shown on the accompanying York County GIS Map).

Boundary Justification

The Fewell Cotton Warehouse was constructed shortly after the Rock Hill Cotton Factory and was associated with the operation of the factory for most of its operation as a textile mill. Because it is adjacent to and was historically associated with the Rock Hill Cotton Factory during its period of significance, and never separated physically except by a rail spur (now removed), the addition of this tax parcel with the warehouse is justified.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

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Fewell Cotton Warehouse
Location of Property: 130 West White Street, Rock Hill
York County, South Carolina
Name of Photographer: Paul Gettys
Date of Photographs: 24 May 2007
Location of Original
Digital Images: S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Overall view of Fewell Cotton Warehouse and relationship with Rock Hill Cotton Factory
2. Detailed view of White Street elevation with Rock Hill Cotton Factory in background
3. White Street elevation with small commercial storefront to right [south]
4. Detail of south end of warehouse with small commercial storefront and location of former railroad spur
5. South end brick wall and rear view of small commercial building
6. Oblique view of north end brick wall with Rock Hill Cotton Factory in background
7. Interior elevation showing warehouse sections with wood-clad walls and sliding cargo doors
8. Interior elevation showing warehouse sections as viewed from south end near former railroad spur
9. Oblique view of recently-rehabilitated Rock Hill Cotton Factory